

Attorney Docket No.: 22130.0003U2
Application No. 10/008,501

AMENDMENTS

In The Drawings

Please cancel FIG. 5 as requested in the Response filed on October 15, 2003. Applicant includes herewith another copy of canceled FIG. 5 including the entire FIG. 5 in brackets, as requested by the Examiner.

Applicants also include herewith another copy of new FIG. 8, originally submitted on October 15, 2003.

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REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the final Office Action (Paper No. 12) mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 17, 2005. Claims 1 and 2 are pending. Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to correct minor grammatical errors. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been introduced.

Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the proposed change to FIG. 5, stating that "[t]he proposed Fig. 5 is correct except that brackets should be placed around the figure. The examiner request that the new figures 5 and 8 be submitted."

Applicants submit herewith another copy of canceled FIG. 5 including the entire FIG. 5 in brackets, as requested by the Examiner. Applicants also include herewith another copy of new FIG. 8, originally submitted on October 15, 2003.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

Reissue Declaration

The Office Action states that "[t]he reissue oath/declaration filed in this application on October 17, 2003 is defective because it fails to identify at least one error which is relied upon to support the reissue application." The Office Action further states "[t]he declaration states that 'Fig. 5...was incorrect' but does not specifically state what was incorrect about the figure."

Applicants respectfully submit that the Preliminary Amendment submitted on December 6, 2001, with the original Reissue Application Declaration by the Assignee states, in part, that "[t]he incorrect Figure 5 in the previously issued patent inadvertently depicted a turbine and turbine blades rather than a compressor and compressor blades. The new Figure 5 submitted herewith depicts a compressor and compressor blades consistent with the specification in the previously issued patent."

Further, the Supplemental Reissue Application Declaration by the Assignee filed on September 30, 2003, states that "FIG. 5 submitted with the application that resulted in the issuance of the above patent was incorrect. A new FIG. 8 has been submitted in lieu of the

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incorrect FIG. 5.”

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the Preliminary amendment submitted on December 6, 2001, adequately describes the error in the patent.

Power of Attorney

The Office Action states that “there is an error in the Power of Attorney of June 25, 2003.” Applicants submit herewith a copy of a substitute power of attorney filed with the USPTO on September 23, 2005.

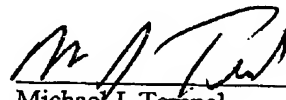
CONCLUSION

In summary, Applicants respectfully request that all outstanding claim rejections be withdrawn. Applicants respectfully submit that presently pending claims 1 and 2 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner have any comment regarding the Applicants’ response or believe that a teleconference would expedite prosecution of the pending claims, Applicants request that the Examiner telephone Applicants’ undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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